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TARIFF WHITEWASH HAS APPARENTLY BEEN PREVENTED

The Senate resolution which the leaders have agreed on with reference to the inquiry into high prices and the increased cost of living has been so shaped up that it will not be easy under it to avoid giving attention to the tariff as one of the causes for the conditions of which every one is complaining. The resolution mentions the tariff by name as one of the matters which is to be inquired into.

This simply means that the Senate leaders have been compelled by the outcry against any scheme to whiteness the tariff to deviate from their original plan. Of course, it does not follow that a committee stacked with a majority of high tariff men will make a proper inquiry into the question of the relation of the tariff to the existing high prices. But it will be the more difficult to avoid such an inquiry with the tariff specifically named as one of the phases of legislation by Congress to be studied.

If the investigation which is proposed by a Senate select committee is as sweeping and exhaustive as the resolution which the Republican leaders agreed to in conference would indicate, it ought to be of the utmost value. It should be added that Senator Elkins is the man who largely deserves the credit for originating the Senate investigation. When he first introduced his resolution it was sneered at by Senator Aldrich and his lieutenants. In the end, it was his resolution, with certain amendments, which was brought out of the committee and put before the Senate.

PREACHING A WAR ON MEDICAL HERETICS.

The physician is the custodian of the public health. Preaching from this text, Dr. Frank Lee Biscoe, of this city, contributes a paper to the Virginia Medical Semimonthly, in which he upbraids his colleagues for their indifference to the advance of practitioners who "antagonize" the so-called "regular" school.

Dr. Biscoe sees a danger—not to the profession, but to the people—in the operations of every dissenting body, every heresy in healing, from homeopathy to Christian Science, the Emanuel movement and osteopathy. He is only a little less severe against the followers of Hahnemann than he is against those who believe Mrs. Eddy to be divinely inspired. He finds that the former are approaching the methods of the "regulars," giving actual instead of infinitesimal doses of medicines, and recognizing the science of bacteriology. Of the Rev. Dr. Worcester's school of psycho-therapy, he has this to say:

Let us consider for a moment just what these healers profess to do. They claim to treat only those who are free from pathological lesions. That removes the individual from the domain of medicine and surgery, and calls for absolutely no service from a physician. Why, then, in view of this fact, should the physician in any way be associated with these healers? This is the foundation of my attempt and hope to disassociate the medical profession from these psycho-therapists; and so I say that they are confronted with a sociological problem which, undoubtedly, is within the scope of the calling of the clergy.

The author of this paper is undoubtedly actuated by the highest motives. He is at some unnecessary pains to combat any imputation that he and those who think with him are stung to protest by the loss of the fees which are paid to healers of various sorts. Noody who knows the vast deal of charitable work that every doctor does as a matter of course, and the unrequited research for the benefit of their profession and of mankind, will accuse medical men in general of sordid and mercenary purpose in seeking to limit the practice of the healing art to members of their own guild. Yet something of the zeal of the religious persecutor of a bygone age, who punished dissenters for the sake of the salvation of the many, appears in this remark of Dr. Biscoe:

I am highly gratified that the Maryland Legislature has passed a law prohibiting any Christian Scientist from collecting a fee in that State, for this is the only way to stamp out of existence a practice which jeopardizes the lives of our own people and I hope that it will not be long before all our States will have passed similar laws.

Mollere satirized the doctors of his time for pretending that the limit of medical knowledge had been reached by them. That charge cannot be made with any justice against the physicians

of this time, but they ought not to lay themselves open to an accusation by the laity that they pretend alone to hold the sacred keys to health and sickness.

PRICES OFFOODIN AMERICAN AND CANADIAN CITIES.

In these days when the Beef trust and other combinations are being lambasted for compelling us to pay more for food than we ought to, it is interesting to study certain comparative figures showing the difference between the cost of eatables here and in Canada.

On the whole—the Canadians have the better of it. While the people of Detroit are charged 42 cents a dozen for eggs, the people of St. Catherine's, which is just across the border, are paying 38 cents. Also, they are paying 30 cents for butter as compared with 36 in Detroit. Milk is 7 cents in such Canadian towns as St. Catherine's, Windsor, and Toronto. In Detroit it is quoted at 8 cents, though higher in some American cities.

Taking Windsor, Canada, and Detroit, which are on opposite sides of the Detroit river, into comparison, the showing for most foodstuffs, including beef and pork, is in favor of the Canadian city. On beef cuts of the cheaper kind, chickens and lamb, Detroit has some advantage. Canadian cities have the cheaper flour, notwithstanding our tremendous wheat areas and unequaled milling facilities.

All of which is not calculated to put the ultimate consumer in the United States into any better temper, or to help him get rid of the feeling that somehow he is being made to pay an unjustly exorbitant tribute to certain parties whom he has not yet located quite definitely, but whom he promises to camp on the trail of with more persistence than he has been known to display for a good while.

INTERNATIONAL RACE FOR THE SOUTH POLE.

The world will now have a chance to look on and see one of the greatest races of history, the friendly contest for the discovery of the South Pole. Nothing more thrilling and spectacular could be imagined.

Commander Robert E. Peary has been presented a check for \$10,000 by Governor Hughes in behalf of the Civic Forum and the citizens who arranged the demonstration for him just given in New York. The discoverer of the North Pole on receiving the check promptly announced he would deposit it to start a fund to send an expedition into the Antarctic "to enter the Stars and Stripes in a splendid, brotherly race with our British cousins for the South Pole." Commander Peary's action follows on the action of the National Geographic Society in Washington in deciding to send an expedition to the South Pole if the necessary funds can be raised. With Peary's check to start with there is no question practically that the funds will be obtainable. It is thought that the expedition may be ready to start from New York, where the vessel Roosevelt is now resting after her struggles in the northern ice fields, as early as July.

It is the intention that the American expedition shall make Coats Land in the Antarctic the base from which the dash to the pole shall be attempted. This is on the opposite side of the world from the base of the British expedition under Captain Scott. The two expeditions will therefore not in any case conflict. One object of the American expedition is the exploration of Wilkes Land.

Commander Peary will not command the American expedition, but he will give it the benefit of his advice, as well as the support of his money. In this he is exhibiting a side to his character that is likely to go far to remove the feeling of many people that his course toward Dr. Cook was not above criticism. It is a cause for gratification that President Taft has indorsed the movement to have Congress take substantial notice of Peary's achievement. It is due to Peary, and it will spur on the man who leads the campaign to plant the Stars and Stripes at the southern end of the world.

HAVE WE MILLIONS TO BURN IN WASHINGTON?

We Americans must have money to burn. At least, we are acting as if we had, for the total fire loss in the United States last year was nearly half a billion dollars. To be exact, the destruction of buildings, the excess cost of fire protection (over that which would have been sufficient if less inflammable material had been used), and extra insurance premiums paid for the same reason, amounted to \$456,485,000.

This comes to the same thing as if the people had destroyed all the petroleum; all the gold, all the silver and all the copper produced in the country in the same year. The Geological Survey is authority for the figures quoted, which are as alarming as they are astounding. Uncle Sam owns buildings which cost \$300,000,000, and is putting up new ones at the rate of \$20,000,000 a year. He pays no insurance and loses little by fire, because all the modern structures are of approved material.

One reason for the enormous loss to private owners in this country is disregard of existing building regulations; another is lack of scientific rules of construction. A third is inadequate fire extinguishing service. All three to-

gether give the United States an annual fire loss rate per capita eight times that of any country in Europe. Fireproof material now costs almost as little as easily burned stuff, if builders would learn that at present they are using three to six times as much material as is necessary in their work. The Geological Survey is also responsible for that assertion.

The District government should look carefully into the application of these facts to local conditions. Especially should the building code be enforced to its limits and amended wherever it shows weakness. No less important is the extension of the fire protection system to cover the newer sections of this rapidly growing city, the purchase of the best modern apparatus and various improvements for which the fire department is petitioning. The Federal Government is as deeply concerned in this matter as any local property owner, for not all the public buildings here are of modern construction, and a disastrous fire in one of them may occur at any time only to teach a lesson which every business man in the Capital already knows.

If the ladies' tailors will make it the fashion for a woman to wear dresses she can put on without the help of her husband, the cook, and a monkey wrench, they will be popular with the fellows who pay the bills.

Dr. Cook is undertaking a useless task when he says he will return to New York to straighten out the polar tangle. It's a cinch that he didn't kick any dents in the Pole or lean on it long enough to bend it.

Maybe that New England woman, who is suing the Pullman Company because she was not waked up in time to dress, had a butter-fingered husband who couldn't hook up her gown fast enough.

Glad to hear quinine is an anesthetic. Up to this time its principal use has been an excuse for some rummy to take a drink of whisky with it.

Pittsburg needn't feel all swelled up because she has only 25,000 bad eggs. Think of the other bad things in that town.

There is one fine advantage in marrying a milliner. She can get the best values in Easter hats for the least money.

Out in Kansas City there is a rapidly growing impression that the profession of murdering for money is hazardous.

The time is fast approaching when the political constituents will cease to be nuisances and become necessities.

Either this Government is going broke, or Representative Macon of Arkansas is wildly extravagant in his speech.

American horses are said to do well in England. How about American hee-hoers over there?

All the rest of the world has the laugh on Bermuda. Dr. Cook's down there.

It seems that everybody will know about it when Theodore Roosevelt comes home.

That man who has twenty detectives on his trail must be a fast traveler.

At any rate, the Swope millions haven't been swiped yet.

A knight-errant in the navy seems to have no official standing.

They're running harmony against Harmon in Ohio.

The Ohio Democracy is about to be Wade-elided.

Who has cornered Wall Street's common sense?

THREE PERSONS DIE AS RESULT OF FIRE

Crossed Electric Wires Believed Responsible for Destruction of Jersey Shore Bank Building.

JERSEY SHORE, Pa., Feb. 8.—Three persons lost their lives in a fire which, about today, destroyed the First National Bank building. The dead: A. L. DRAVENSTADT, killed jumping from third-story window.

Mrs. A. L. DRAVENSTADT, aged sixty-two, burned to death.

WILLIAM O'CONNOR, three years old, burned to death.

Crossed electric wires are believed to have caused the fire. Loss \$20,000, covered by insurance.

SHE HEADS FIRE BRIGADE.

CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 8.—Miss Sarah Osborne, of Boothwyn, headed a bucket brigade which extinguished a fire that threatened to destroy the Osborne home. Loss, \$300; insured.

WOMAN 100 YEARS OLD.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Martha Sharon is celebrating her one hundred birthday anniversary at Steelton. The family party was attended by six children, eighteen grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

What's on the Program Tonight in Washington

Wisconsin Republican Club, room 316, Corcoran building, 8 p. m.
Randle Highlands Citizens' Association, Randle Highlands Baptist Church.
Inspection of Knights of the Macabees, Pythian Temple, 8 p. m.
National Style Show, the Arlington, 2 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Theaters.

National—Elsie Janis in "The Fair Co-Ed," 8:15 p. m.
Belasco—Naimova in "The Passion Flower," 8:20 p. m.
Columbia—Henrietta Crossman in "Sham," 8:15 p. m.

Chase's—Polite vaudeville, 8:15 p. m.
Academy—"Leah Rivers," 8:15 p. m.
Casino—Continous vaudeville, 11 a. m. to 11 p. m.

Majestic—Moving pictures and vaudeville, 7 to 11 p. m.
Lyceum—"Big Review," 8:15 p. m.
Covety—"Serenaders," 8:15 p. m.

Masonic Auditorium—Moving pictures, 7:20 to 10:30 p. m.
The Times will be pleased to announce entertainments and meetings in this column. Phone or write announcements.

Capital Tales

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON has not the influence at the White House in this Administration that he had under the Roosevelt order. When Roosevelt was President, Dr. Washington was frequently consulted when it came to settling whether this colored man or that should hold office.

President Taft, so the gossip goes in colored political circles in Washington, told Dr. Washington that before settling appointments he would confer with such men as Bishops Grant and Gaines, Collector Charles Anderson, of the Internal revenue office at New York, and others of prominence among the colored race in this country. Northern colored men of prominence are to be given more attention than in the preceding Administration.

Senator Foraker at one time in the Senate alluded to Booker T. Washington as "the third Senator from Ohio." The remark was apropos of an appointment of a colored man in the Buckeye State by Roosevelt, without the Senators being consulted with.

BACK TO AFFLUENCE

Senator Flint has definitely announced that he is going to retire from the Senate. His reason is that he wants to go back to his law business again and make some money. He feels that he ought to lay up something for a rainy day for his family.

Flint is well-liked in the Senate. He is one of the best dressed men in that body and is a good mixer. His retirement will be at the end of his present term, a year from next March.

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WOMEN'S FEELINGS CONTROLLED.

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McCUMBER FARMERS' FRIEND.

Senator McCumber of North Dakota never misses a chance to say something good of the farmer. Whether it is tariff, the cost of living, or anything else having to do with the down-trodden agriculturist, Senator McCumber is right on deck.

It would not be fair to say that the Senator's concern is intimately related to the fact that North Dakota is almost wholly given over to farming. Senator McCumber is a farmer himself.

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TROUSERS CAUSE TROUBLE.

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VISITS OLD SCENES.

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OFFICIAL SOCIAL SEASON CLOSES AT WHITE HOUSE

The official social season of 1909-1910 closed last night with the army and navy reception at the White House.

This, the last of the state receptions of the winter, quite surpassed in brilliancy the previous functions of the present Administration, one which has established an entirely new social standard.

In point of decoration this reception is always the most picturesque, flags, pennants, and other insignia of the military, and marine being displayed to advantage in the corridor.

At the reception last night this customary arrangement was augmented by a riotous use of flowers and potted plants. A bower of palms, ferns, Easter lilies, azaleas, and spring flowers filled the bay window in the Blue Room, and huge vases filled with American Beauty roses stood about in the various rooms.

In the dining room, the table laden with an elaborate supper, was adorned with plaques of bright carnations and deep pink-shaded candelabra.

President and Mrs. Taft have been more or less identified with many circles of late years, acquaintances made during their residence in the Philippines, when the former was governor of the islands, widening during his term of service as Secretary of War in Washington. And their popularity with both branches of the service was well attested by the gay crowd which gathered in the East Room long before the trumpeters announced their arrival from the upper apartments. Gold lace and military trappings quite outnumbered and for once surpassed the feminine toilettes.

The scarlet coat-d musicians of the Marine Band stationed in their accustomed place in the north lobby played an inspiring program of music throughout the reception, admirals and generals alighting down before the receiving line to the strains of familiar military airs, interspersed with popular waltzes and even a little "ragtime."

Mrs. Taft remained in her place be-

side the Chief Executive until the last guest had been received, and then sat for a time in the Blue Room before returning to the private apartments upstairs. The President joined her for a time, but later rejoined his guests.

Considerable disappointment was manifested, however, by those who remained for the dancing which has come to be a fitting climax for these beautiful entertainments, for, contrary to expectations, the President did not dance. He remained in the East Room among the spectators until the first few bars of "Home, Sweet Home," but seemed to prefer watching to joining in the pastime.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. William Sheffield Cowles, brother-in-law and sister of the former President, were the center of an interesting group throughout the evening. This is their first appearance at a White House function this winter, having come down to Washington especially to attend.

They came with Miss Mabel Boardman, whose guests they are during their stay in the city, and with her remained in the red parlor for the greater part of the evening, constantly greeting old friends. Representative and Mrs. Longworth were also among the dancers in the east room, Miss Anderson waltzing several times with Postmaster General Hitchcock.

The Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Meyer were accompanied by their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Appleton and Miss Appleton and Miss Heloise Meyer, of Lenox.

Mrs. Taft has reason to be congratulated on the success of her entertainments this winter, for seldom has an invitation to a White House function carried with it the prestige of which it now boasts, and seldom have they been

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The Young Lady Across the Way

The young lady across the way says she overheard her father say that the market was in terrible condition and it did seem to her as if the city ought to provide more receptacles for the old decayed apples and cabbages and things.



Senator and Mrs. Sutherland Announce Daughter's Engagement.

Wedding of Popular Girl of Official Society Set for May 3.

Senator and Mrs. George Sutherland of Utah announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Edith Sutherland, to A. Robert Elmore, of New York. The wedding, which will be an important event of the spring season, will take place Tuesday, May 3, in St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. Miss Sutherland is one of the most popular girls in official circles of Washington society and her engagement is of interest to a wide circle of friends.

Military Attache And Mrs. James Hoste.

The Military Attache of the British Embassy and the Hon. Mrs. James Hoste, who were at a dinner last evening. Their guests were the Naval Attache of the British Embassy and Baroness Preuschen, the Naval Attache of the Russian Embassy and Mme. Vassiliev, the Military Attache of the Spanish Legation and Mme. de Urcuila, Miss Lee, Captain Retzmann, of the German embassy; Major Davila, of the Mexican embassy; and the Hon. Rachel Kay Shuttleworth.

The Japanese Ambassador and Baroness Uchida entertained a dinner party last evening at the embassy. The guests of the Italian Ambassador and Baroness Mayor des Planches, who will leave this country shortly.

The additional guests were the Minister of the Netherlands and Countess Moltke, the Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Chandler Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson, Major and Mrs. Brewster, Commander and Mrs. Marsh, Miss Dora, Lieutenant Camperio, Mr. Contar, the Counselor of the Embassy and Mrs. Matsui and Mr. Haninara.

Senator and Mrs. Keane were among those entertaining parties at dinner last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harlow were hosts at a dinner party last evening.

Miss Robeson entertained a party at dinner last evening.

Col. and Mrs. Charles L. McCarley entertained at dinner last evening in honor of their house guest, Mrs. Henry Clews, of New York.

Farewell Tea At Italian Embassy.

The Italian Ambassador and Baroness Mayor des Planches were hosts at a farewell tea yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the embassy.

Assisting the ambassador and the baroness in receiving their guests were the members of the embassy staff, Miss Keane and Viscountess Benoit d'Az, wife of the naval attache of the French embassy, presided at the tea table.

Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page entertained at an informal tea at 5 o'clock yesterday in honor of her house-guest, Mrs. Herbert Ward, who is better known in the literary world as Elizabeth Stuart Phelps.

Mrs. J. Van Vleet Ottent entertained at a tea yesterday afternoon in compliment to her house guests, Miss Endicott and Miss Richmond, of Boston, and her niece, Miss Eleanor Hoffman Rodewald, of New York. Mrs. William Barrett Ridgely and Mrs. Kuser presided at the tea table.

Mrs. Taft In Presidential Box.

Mrs. Taft occupied the Presidential box at the National Theater yesterday to hear the recital of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Mrs. Wilson, daughter of the Secretary of the Agriculture, was the vocal soloist. With Mrs. Taft was her sister, Mrs. Laughlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cumming.

Mrs. Charles A. Williams had in her box Miss Helen Cannon, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Francis B. Moran, and Mrs. John Melton Huggins.

With Mrs. Calderon Carlisle in her box was Mrs. Mandeville Carlisle, Miss Carlisle, and Miss Pearson.

Mrs. John Carpenter entertained a box party, having among her guests Mrs. Arthur Murray, Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth, Mrs. Shreve, Mrs. Pearson, and Miss Georgianna Hopkins.